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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 4732/MM	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/EP 00/05157	International filing date (day/month/year) 05/06/2000	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 23/06/1999
Applicant N.V. BEKAERT S.A.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).
- b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :
- contained in the international application in written form.
 - filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 - furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
 - furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
 - the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
 - the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. Unity of Invention is lacking (see Box II).

4. With regard to the title,

- the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

- the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

- as suggested by the applicant.
- because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
- because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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None of the figures.

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International Application No

PCT/00/05157

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 F01N3/022 F01N3/027 F01N3/02 F01N3/032 F01N3/28
F01N3/021

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 F01N

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EP0-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	EP 0 358 522 A (MINNESOTA MINING & MFG) 14 March 1990 (1990-03-14) column 2, line 41 -column 5, line 18 figures ---	1-7, 13, 14
Y	US 5 873 918 A (FURRER JUERGEN ET AL) 23 February 1999 (1999-02-23) column 1, line 66 -column 4, line 55 figures 1,3 ---	1, 2, 5-7, 14
A	column 1, line 66 -column 4, line 55 figures 1,3 ---	4, 11, 12
Y	US 5 557 923 A (BOLT HEINZ ET AL) 24 September 1996 (1996-09-24) cited in the application column 2, line 48 -column 4, line 25 figures ---	3, 4, 13
A	column 2, line 48 -column 4, line 25 figures ---	1, 11, 12
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 Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C. Patent family members are listed in annex.

° Special categories of cited documents :

- "A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- "E" earlier document but published on or after the international filing date
- "L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
- "O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
- "P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

- "T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
- "X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
- "Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.
- "&" document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

9 October 2000

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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	EP 0 764 455 A (SINTOKOGIO LTD ;NIPPON OIL CO LTD (JP)) 26 March 1997 (1997-03-26) page 3, line 32 -page 7, line 17 figures 1B,7 -----	1,3,4,7, 9,11,12

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Information on patent family members

International Application No

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Patent document cited in search report		Publication date		Patent family member(s)		Publication date
EP 0358522	A	14-03-1990		AU 3993489 A BR 8904494 A JP 2256812 A ZA 8906084 A		15-03-1990 24-04-1990 17-10-1990 24-04-1991
US 5873918	A	23-02-1999		DE 19524399 A AU 698568 B AU 6357196 A CA 2225614 A CZ 9703107 A DE 59601618 D WO 9702411 A EP 0836672 A HU 9802921 A JP 3040488 B JP 10511163 T RU 2138652 C		09-01-1997 05-11-1998 05-02-1997 23-01-1997 18-02-1998 12-05-1999 23-01-1997 22-04-1998 29-03-1999 15-05-2000 27-10-1998 27-09-1999
US 5557923	A	24-09-1996		DE 4223277 A DE 59301423 D WO 9402719 A EP 0650551 A ES 2082655 T JP 8500521 T		20-01-1994 22-02-1996 03-02-1994 03-05-1995 16-03-1996 23-01-1996
EP 0764455	A	26-03-1997		JP 9085027 A JP 9085028 A US 5800790 A		31-03-1997 31-03-1997 01-09-1998

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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International application No. PCT/EP00/05157	International filing date (day/month/year) 05/06/2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 23/06/1999
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC F01N3/022		
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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT**

International application No. PCT/EP00/05157

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (*substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.*):

Description, pages:

1-10 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-14 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1/2-2/2 as originally filed

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages:
 the claims, Nos.:
 the drawings, sheets:

3. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT**

International application No. PCT/EP00/05157

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims 1-14
	No:	Claims
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims 1-14
	No:	Claims
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims 1-14
	No:	Claims

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

see separate sheet

Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

The invention concerns a diesel exhaust filter system comprising a carrier with permeable parts. Around the permeable parts, electrically conductive, porous filter strips are wrapped in windings; windings being separated and electrically insulated from each other. The filter strips can be heated by applying electrical energy. This causes exhaust particles to be burned, thereby regenerating the filter.

The prior art (EP 0 358 522) also reveals an exhaust filter system with filter elements covering a carrier. However, the filter elements are non-conducting, and they are not wrapped around the carrier in windings. The heating is done by additional electrical wires. Furthermore, the filter elements are not in the shape of "strips".

Document US 5 557 923 reveals another exhaust filter system which includes electrically conductive, porous filter elements. Nevertheless, they are not shaped as "strips", and there is no carrier element.

By wrapping filter strips around a carrier according to the invention, the filter strips can be very long. This allows to minimize the space needed for the filter system and additionally to minimize the electrical power needed for regeneration.

The subject-matter of claim 1 would therefore appear to meet the requirements of Articles 33(2), 33(3) and 33(4) PCT.

Claims 2 to 14 represent dependent claims as permitted under Rule 6.4 PCT, and also appear to meet the requirements of Articles 33(2), 33(3) and 33(4) PCT.

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Certain defects in the international application

1. Independent claim 1 is not in the two-part form in accordance with Rule 6.3(b) PCT, which in the present case would be appropriate, with those features known in combination from the prior art (document EP 0 358 522) being placed in the preamble (Rule 6.3(b)(i) PCT) and with the remaining features being included in the characterising part (Rule 6.3(b)(ii) PCT).
2. The features of the claims are not provided with reference signs placed in parentheses (Rule 6.2(b) PCT).
3. The pages of the drawings are not numbered.
4. On page 2, line 20 the word "are" is not necessary.

Re Item VIII

Certain observations on the international application

The paragraph on page 4, lines 21 of the description refers to a preferred embodiment of the invention (as defined in claim 7). The expression "The system according to the invention" in line 21 implies, however, that a feature of claim 1 is described, resulting in a lack of clarity.